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Aurelio Montenegro, Nicaraguan Ambassador to Guatemala, told me today he had yesterday visited Miguel Camacho, now in asylum in Salvadoran Embassy, whom he had known for sometime to be personal representative here of Colonel Castillo Armas. Camacho had told Montenegro that Isaac Delgado, Costarican pilot resident in Nicaragua, had been serving as courier for Castillo Armas group, using small plane for transportation; Delgado had arrived with communications on January 18 and left with other documents January 20; after Delgado's departure Camacho had learned from source in National Palace that Delgado had turned over correspondence to Guatemalan authorities who had it photostated; he had been able to warn Castillo Armas about Delgado and take some precautions before police arrived to search his house (Embassy telegram 233 January 22).

Camacho had also told Ambassador Montenegro that Jose Luis Arenas, opposition deputy, had planned to leave Guatemala January 24 clandestinely in private plane of Gabriel Fernandez for Managua to confer with General Gomoza; Fernandez was arrested night of January 23 (Embassy telegram 246 January 25) so presumably Arenas had been unable depart.

Montenegro commented that various of the arrests had undoubtedly hampered opposition movement, but that opposition leaders in asylum were still in touch with their collaborator.

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